

Senate Resolution 564

By: Senator Reed of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Everybody Wins! Atlanta; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Everybody Wins! Atlanta is a local affiliate of Everybody Wins!, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting children's literacy through shared reading experiences with caring individuals; and

WHEREAS, Everybody Wins! Atlanta helps young students develop the reading skills needed to succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for the development of proper reading skills; and

WHEREAS, Everybody Wins! Atlanta helps bridge the literacy gap one mentor, one child, and one book at a time through its program, Power Lunch, which pairs academically at-risk elementary students with volunteers from local businesses for personal reading sessions each week over lunch; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated volunteers promote reading for pleasure by reading aloud with their student and providing positive support and encouragement as an informal mentor; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Everybody Wins! Atlanta program provide students with individual attention from a caring adult, which helps advance reading skills, expand opportunity for academic success, and build self-esteem and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, the Everybody Wins! Atlanta program demonstrates how active involvement in one child's life can change that child's future and build up an entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend Everybody Wins! Atlanta for providing the future leaders of Georgia with the

opportunity to thrive and extend to the program's dedicated volunteers their most heartfelt gratitude for helping mold and inspire young minds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Everybody Wins! Atlanta.